

FRIDAY EVENING, MARCH 11, 1884.
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Republican Township Convention
and Primaries

The Republican voters of the several districts of Decatur township are requested to send delegates to a township convention to be held at the court house on Saturday, March 10th, at 7 A.M. The convention will nominate candidates for the various offices to be filled at the ensuing April election, as follows: One Supervisor, one Assessor, one Collector, one Auditor, one Assessor, one Collector, and one Commissioner of Highways. The representation in said convention will be as follows:

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3d.....	11	11
4th.....	11	11

The primary meetings to select such delegates will be held in the several districts on Tuesday evening, March 13th, at 7 A.M. The First District, East Endorino House House, Second District, at the City Council Room, Third District, at the Hotel Atlantic, and Fourth District, at the Shell's office.

At those primaries delegates will also be chosen to represent each district to be held April 5th, in accordance with the call of the county central committee.

By order of the county committee,

John J. BROWN, 1st dist.

A. T. HILL, 2nd dist.

Hiram M. OAKES, 3rd dist.

John W. COOPER, 4th dist.

A written in the New York Tribune advocates Robert T. Lincoln, of Illinois, for President, and General J. R. Hawley, of Connecticut, for Vice President.

The much dreaded foot-and-mouth disease has made its appearance among the cattle of Ellington county, in this state. It is to be hoped that the most vigorous and heroic measures will be taken at once to stamp out and eradicate this fearful epidemic.

The Douglas county Republican convention, which met on Wednesday, instructed their delegates to Peoria to vote for Oglesby for governor, and Hunt for attorney-general. The delegates to the congressional convention were instructed for Cannon.

Read the call for the Republican township convention, and remember that at the primaries to be held March 27th delegates will be chosen to two conventions, the township convention to nominate candidates for township offices, and also to the county convention to be held April 5th.

The Democratic leaders, some of them, at least, are evidently becoming convinced that they cannot hope for success this year on a free-trade platform, or indeed on one constructed "for revenue only," and the appearance now is that the Morrison-Waterson-Carlsbad combination will find itself stranded high and dry. Some other party whizbooth must be invented. What will it be?

The Wisconsin Republican State Convention will meet at Madison April 30, and the Democratic State Convention will assemble at the same place May 26. The former is expected to boom ex-Governor Fairchild as a favorite son for the Presidency, and the latter will press the claims of Colonel William F. Vilas, the noted Democratic orator, as a candidate for the Vice Presidency.

COLLECTOR, Romer, of New York, was recently interviewed on the Presidential question, more especially to get his views of the strongest candidate in the Empire State, when he said:

"From a Republican standpoint,

Blaine, Arthur and Logan all have a certain amount of strength. At first there was a question in regard to Logan's position on the money question, but I am told he now stands in all right in that direction. Arthur's administration has been a clean one, and in the main, unassailable. Still, I think it would be imprudent for him to carry New York state. On the other hand, I feel certain that Blaine could carry New York without any doubt, and by a large majority, against any candidate the Democratic party could nominate against him."

FARNETT WORKERS.

A party of miners from Coalfield mines, under command of George Dadds, arrived during the afternoon and took charge of affairs. The residents were forced back from the vicinity of the disaster and the work of collecting the fragments of the bodies of the unfortunate miners who had been working near the mouth of the shaft at the time of the accident and buried upward out of the mine. Every one of the fifty men who were entombed was useless.

Stamping Out the Cattle Disease.

HUTCHINSON, Kas., March 14.—A meeting of the business and stock men of this vicinity was held here yesterday to consider the action of the State Legislature with respect to the bill introduced by Governor Gilk to prohibit the sale of cattle to the state, and urging him to employ every possible means to stamp out the disease, and pledged him hearty support in any action he may deem necessary to accomplish that object.

DRIVEN BACK.

At brief intervals after man would make a determined effort to force his way into the mine only to be driven back by the flames and smoke. At seven o'clock last night it was thought an entrance could be had as the smoke showed signs of decreasing. A party of men attempted

To restore some of taste, smell or hearing to our eyes Ely's Cream Balm. It is a powerful work. Do not fail to procure a bottle, as in it lies the relief you seek. Price 50 cents.

Apply now to Mr. Wm. Johnson, Druggist, Easton, Pa.

From Major Dovers, Military Instructor, Mt. Pleasant Academy, Sing Sing, N.Y.: During the very cold weather I was suffering with catarrh. My head and throat ached so severely that I was obliged to keep quiet. Ely's Cream Balm was suggested. Within an hour from the first application I felt relieved, the pain disappeared entirely. After three days was entirely cured. —W. Dovers.

My son aged nine years was afflicted with catarrh; the use of Ely's Cream Balm effected a complete cure. W. E. HAMMOND, Druggist, Easton, Pa.

Norix—Special care has been taken in the fit and make-up of all our garments. Please examine for yourselves. Flory's One-prize Clothing House, corner Old Square.

Our customers: We are glad you like our advertisements, but you flatter us too much when you copy them.

Feb. 5—At Linn & Sonorus.

BY TELEGRAPH

HELL IN MINIATURE.

One Hundred and Sixty Human Beings Engulfed in a Pit of Flame.

Agonized But Helpless Relatives Stand by While Their Friends are Slowly Consumed.

One of the Most Appalling Mining Disasters Ever Known—Soul-Piercing Particulars.

LYNCHBURG, Va., March 13.—Shortly after midnight a terrific explosion alarmed the residents of Pocahontas, Tazewell County, Va., and soon thereafter a scene of the most intense excitement ensued. Men, women and children arose from their beds and rushed out into the open air in their night-dresses. The streets were thronged, and all were at a loss to determine what had happened.

It was not long before the truth was known, and then the excited crowd rushed toward the principal coal mine in the southern suburb. Upon arriving there a dense volume of smoke was found pouring forth from the shaft of the mine, whilst scattered around within a radius of a quarter of a mile were broken timbers and broken mining machinery of every description. Upon every side laid fragments of human bodies. The shrieks of the woman and children filled the air and added more horror to the scene. Everybody appeared paralyzed at the spectacle, and it was some time before the bravest of the men present realized the extent of the disaster, and began to take steps to ascertain it.

After two hours had elapsed and nothing accomplished by the panic-stricken crowd, a man with a ghastly white face mounted the debris and cried out: "For God's sake men, let's stop this. We all have friends and relatives down below, and maybe we can help them. Let's see about it, and let the women folks do the crying."

A LEADER WANTED.

Every one of the officials of the camp were below, besides one hundred and fifty laborers. There was no one to lead the rescuing party, and it was with the utmost difficulty that volunteers could be induced to go near the mouth of the mine. The leader again addressed the men present, and then throwing a blanket around his head made an effort to ascertain if it were possible to enter the mine. He soon returned and announced that all attempts at rescue of the poor creatures who were entombed was useless.

A TERRIBLE SITUATION.

The mine in which the accident occurred is known as the Flat Top mine, and is situated in the northeast portion of Tazewell county, at the base of Flat Top mountain, which divides that section of Virginia from West Virginia.

The company working the mine was known as the Southwest Virginia Improvement Company, but the mines were really under control of the Norfolk & Western Railroad Company who have a branch road of the New River division running from New River to Pocahontas, about sixty miles. John C. Isley, of Pennsylvania, is President of the Improvement Company, and Wm. A. Lathrop, Superintendent.

UNARMED AT THE SPOT.

With a valise and requested Charles J. Teller, the head salesman, to place the valise in the trunk and ship it to him at Detroit, giving his name as G. H. Pachem, and then he left the store. While the valise was being handled the lock on it accidentally broke, and as it opened part of the contents fell out and on the floor lay a large amount of money and jewelry. The packages in the valise were found to

PROPERTY OF THE PACIFIC EXPRESS COMPANY.

Nothing in the way of rescuing the victims or searching for the dead is being done at this hour, and nothing can be done now. The entire mine is evidently burning, and old timers say the bodies will still be consumed.

COPINGS.

A force of thirty carpenters have commenced to make coffins for the dead. They are working in a plateau to the east of the drift and are surrounded by towels. As the rude coffins are completed they are distributed to the forty families who have found

or think they have found some portion of the corpse of one of their relatives. There have been several disputes about the bodies as owing to their mangled condition identification is exceedingly difficult.

THE CAUSE.

When day dawned the horror became apparent. The men were by this time more composed and the women less measured. The latter began to gather up the fragments of the bodies of the unfortunate miners who had been working near the mouth of the shaft at the time of the accident and were blown upward out of the mine. Every one of the fifty men who were killed, as the numerous fragments of limbs testified.

FIGHT AT LAST.

Nothing has been done in the way of ascertaining the cause of the disaster, but it is surmised that one of the miners at work struck a gas tissue, and that the escaping gas ignited him.

NUMBER OF VICTIMS.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., March 14, 1 A.M.—Nothing in the way of rescuing the victims or searching for the dead is being done at this hour, and nothing can be done now. The entire mine is evidently burning, and old timers say the bodies will still be consumed.

DISASTERS TO WORK.

On the case, an accurate description of the man who left the valise being given by the man who left the valise, but up to this time no arrest has been made. The description given by the employees

CONCERNED WITH THE DISASTER.

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A force of thirty

We have received our new
Spring Patterns in

JEWELRY!

Many very handsome
things in

Bracelets, Hoop Ear Rings, Rings, Sets, &c.

We can show you many beau-
tiful things not to be had
elsewhere except in the larger
cities, and at prices lower
than you can get them there.
Particularly is this the case in

Diamonds, Watches

AND

Fancy Artistic Pieces,

FOR PRESENTATION.

OTTO E. CURTIS & CO.

Leading Jewelers.

March 3—d&wtf



The above cut represents the celebrated "Novelty" Baby Carriage, for sale ONLY by E. D. BARTHOLOMEW & CO. Feb. 20—d&wtf

FRIDAY EVENING, MARCH 24, 1884

LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

Until further notice our price on 1847 Rogers Bros. knives is \$2.50 a dozen, or \$1.25 a set. E. D. BARTHOLOMEW & CO.

ANY more candidates? All welcome.

This big show to-night. See the military drama.

Draughts at Bloomington.

The members of the Public Improvement Committee returned to the city last evening from Bloomington, whither they went to inspect the brick paving material used in that big town. They were received cordially by the Bloomington officials and having thoroughly inspected the streets came home talking loudly in favor of brick paving for the Decatur streets. They will present a report at the special meeting of the council Monday night.

This "White Front" is open again, with Mr. John Lewin in charge as manager.

E. D. BARTHOLOMEW has the best grades of hard coal.

Ronaker skating to-morrow night at the tabernacle by electric light. Good music and a fine time promised.

Bacon Baked Beans and Roast Beef for lunch-to-morrow at Dan's Bank. 18

For your nobby hat go to Fleury, the French Cutler.

Enter those elegant Haines Bros. pianos on sale only at C. B. Prescott's music parlor. All first class.

Bow'd thermal wands at Shinn's.

The Coward stone piers are up and ready for the new iron bridge to be put on by the Cincinnati bridge company.

Across all of the reserved seats inside of the railing have been sold for the military drums to be given to-night at the opera house.

PARRY carpets, oil cloth and wall-paper, at low figures, at Abel & Looke's.

Mrs. Helen H. Hill has purchased an interest in the property of the Decatur Coal Mining Company, having bought 100 shares. The capital stock is \$80,000.

See Warren & Durfee's advertisement on the first page of this paper. 18th

In the parishioner contest between the Sangamon and the Shady county schools the former won, the score being \$1.04 and 77.12 respectively.

STETSON'S HATS, AT THE PARK HAT STORE. 18th

This forenoon, Prof. Moore, of Champaign, visited the Central examination in progress at the court house. He has also visited each of the school buildings in the city.

DUNLAP'S HATS—H. F. EHRMAN & CO., SOLE AGENTS.

March 11—d&wtf

The city council of Litchfield refused to grant the petition of citizens to submit the vote of the question of license. Two of the aldermen are saloon keepers.

Ging Hanks & Patterson call for nice apples and family groceries. Goods delivered free of charge.

Orders for wood, straw, oats and hay, left at Tuller & Park's feed store, promptly attended to.

We are indebted to Mr. L. B. C. Leffingwell, who has recently returned from a three weeks' visit to Florida, for a splendid orange plucked by him from a grove near Viatka, some ten days ago. Mr. Leffingwell had a very enjoyable visit to the American Italy, and is in ecstasies over the beautiful sights he saw there.

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Ack all first-class dealers for Schreiber's celebrated Bohemian cigars. They are the best made smokers.

Constitutives of every description from town and country, solicited at the headquarters of the W. C. T. U reading room and during hall, South Water street. 11th

Tite largest and finest stock of paints, and stylish wall-paper, at W. A. Bridges, No. 215 North Main street.

March 11—d&wtf

SCHE TALMADZON, of the Wabash, has issued an order stating that all employees in the Wabash shop and office must quit smoking while on duty. If they do not, all go their heads.

Convention of Jersey Cattle Breeders.

At the Washingtonian hall at Bloomington, next Tuesday morning, March 20, at 10 o'clock, will occur a meeting of no little importance to cattle dealers throughout the state. It will be a meeting of all Jersey cattle breeders of Illinois, for the purpose of forming a state organization to promote their various interests. There are many prominent and wealthy men throughout the state who are considerably interested in Jersey cattle, and the meeting promises to be one of much interest to all cattle raisers. There will doubtless be a large number in attendance.

March 13—d&wtf

Our prices for the Mrs. Langtry entertainment on the 28th will be: Lower floor \$2.00. No extra charge for reserved seats. First two front rows in gallery, \$1.50. Other rows in gallery, \$1.00. The play will be "Pygmalion and Galatea," in which she is said to outstrip Mary Anderson. The audience sale of seats will commence on Monday morning, March 24th, at 8 o'clock.

Farnum family groceries, Siddall soaps and No. 4 coffee, at Peter Ulrich's. Make selections.

Our great for great bargains in Embroideries at LINN & SONS.

March 12—d&wtf

W. A. BRADLEY, the decorator, has a beautiful line of stylish wall-paper at his place, No. 215 North Main street. Give him a call and hear prices.

March 13—d&wtf

Isn't it about time that something should be done to help the appearance of our lovely little city park? Spring will soon be here, and our city fathers should not be too economical in regard to the little spot of green which adds so much to our comfort and enjoyment during the hot months.

Two brilliant young actresses, Miss Lizzie Evans, supported by a strong company, will appear Wednesday evening in "Fogg's Ferry." Secure seats. Popular prices.

Mr. GREGORY, the Decatur company to break a gas lamp on Woodbridge street had a hearing before Justice Curtis last evening. The names of the boys are Emil Harris, who was fined \$5; Scott Williams and Levi Sweeney, each fined \$7, making a total of \$35.40, including the costs. The parties were released on promising to pay up within a given time.

Obstructions in the "Mucky Way."

We are glad to say that the difficulty we have had in supplying our growing milk trade has been removed.

We have received another large invoice of the patent milk jars (which have proven such a great success), and can now fill all demands upon us for our famous Spring Hill dairy milk. We make daily delivery at 8 cents per quart bottle, or 14 quarts for \$1. Leave orders at HERMAN, IMBODEN & CO.'s, the grocers and bakers.

Mar. 14—d&wtf

EXPENSIVE FUN.

The three boys arrested Wednesday

night by Officers Bailey and Woodbridge for breaking a gas lamp on Woodbridge street had a hearing before Justice Curtis last evening. The names of the boys are Emil Harris, who was fined \$5; Scott Williams and Levi Sweeney, each fined \$7, making a total of \$35.40, including the costs.

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Our Cheap Sale

OF

Embroideries and White Goods

Continues Until Further Notice.

And in addition we have placed on sale this a.m., a large lot of LADIES' AND MISSSES' WELT HATS AT 25 cts. Former price \$1.00.

Also a large and buttery lot at 50c, former price \$1.25 to \$2.00. We also put on sale 10 dozen Children's Woolen Stockings, assorted, at 25c a pair, worth from 40 to 50 cents.

Also a large lot of Ladies' and Misses' Hose, choice 40c, worth 50 to 75c. Great Bargains and just the kind for this weather. Come and get them.

S. G. HATCH & BRO., 143 East Main St. Powers' Block.

Feb. 5—d&wtf

